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| In re Pa | atent Application of   | MAIL STOP AF   |  |  |  |  |
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| Alexan   | der BEECK et al.   | Group Art Unit: 3745   |  |  |  |  |
| Applica  | ation No.: 10/002,141  | Examiner: C. Verdier   |  |  |  |  |
| Filed:   | December 5, 2001   | Confirmation No.: 3862   |  |  |  |  |
| For:     | COMPONENT OF FLOW MACHINE, WITH INSPECTION APERTURE  | )<br>)<br>)  |  |  |  |  |
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| E        | nclosed is a reply for the above-identified pate   | ent application. TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700   |  |  |  |  |
| [        | ] A Petition for Extension of Time is also   | enclosed.  |  |  |  |  |
| [        | A Terminal Disclaimer and the [ ] \$55.00 (2814) [ ] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| [        | ] Also enclosed is/are   |  |  |  |  |  |
| [        | Small entity status is hereby claimed.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| [        | Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | [ ] Applicant(s) requests that any previ-<br>entered. Continued examination is<br>identified above.  | ously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be requested based on the enclosed documents                                     |  |  |  |  |
|          | [ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted _ requested.   | _, on, for which continued examination is  |  |  |  |  |
|          | does not exceed three months from  | action by the Office until at least, which the filing of this RCE, in accordance with d fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. |  |  |  |  |

| [] | A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) |
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| -  | (1809/2809) is also enclosed.  |

[X] No additional claim fee is required.

[ ] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

|                           | No. OF<br>CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE               | ADD'L<br>FEE |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Total Claims              |                  | MINUS =                                   |                 | × \$18.00 (1202) = |              |
| Independent Claims        |                  | MINUS =                                   |                 | × \$86.00 (1201) = |              |
| If Amendment adds mu      | ltiple depend    | dent claims, add \$29                     | 90.00 (1203)    |                    |              |
| Total Claim Amendmen      | nt Fee           |   |                 |                    |              |
| If small entity status is | claimed, sub     | otract 50% of Total                       | Claim Amend     | ment Fee           |              |

| [] | A check in the amou | nt of \$             | is enclosed for the fee due. |
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| [] | Charge \$           | to Deposit Account N | To. 02-4800.                 |

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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